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ALLAH TEMPLE OF ISLAM, et al
SELECTIVE SERVICE

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Several years later in 1931 while walking down the street in Detroit, according to Bogans, he met "Allah." This person was known to him as Wallace D. Fard and "the living God." Allah has proved to be very much of a human being since he has an arrest record in the Identification Division of the FBI.

W. D. Fard taught Elijah that the negroes were Moslems as were all of the dark races and that by registering with the nation of Islam the colored people would be given their correct names from Mecca and their slave names would be taken from them. Members discard their slave names and use symbols such as "X" until they receive their names from Mecca. Fard also instructed that Moslems were not to participate in military matters since they are registered and are citizens of the nation of Islam. In 1934 Fard disappeared and none of his followers will admit having seen him since that time. In his absence Elijah Poole, now known as Gulan Bogans or Mohammed Rassoull, and his helpers have been carrying on the leadership of the group. Temples of Islam have been opened in Milwaukee, Chicago and Washington, D. C., in addition to the original temple in Detroit.

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FILE NO. 100-12899

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 10/18/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/25/43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE ALLAH TEMPLE OF ISLAM			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - J SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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The ALLAH TEMPLE of ISLAM, an organization of American negroes, was founded by one W. D. FARAD, in 1930. This organization has functioned since that date in Chicago, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Washington, D.C., and other places. The organization has been strongly pro-Japanese, and its leaders counseled the members to refuse to register for Selective Service by telling them that they are already registered in Mecca. ELLIJAH MOHAMMED, Chicago, Illinois, was also known as the PROPHET, and was the national leader. PAULINE BAHAR is the national secretary. Leaders of the TEMPLE located in Milwaukee, Washington, D.C., and Chicago, were convicted for Selective Service violations, and were also indicted for sedition.


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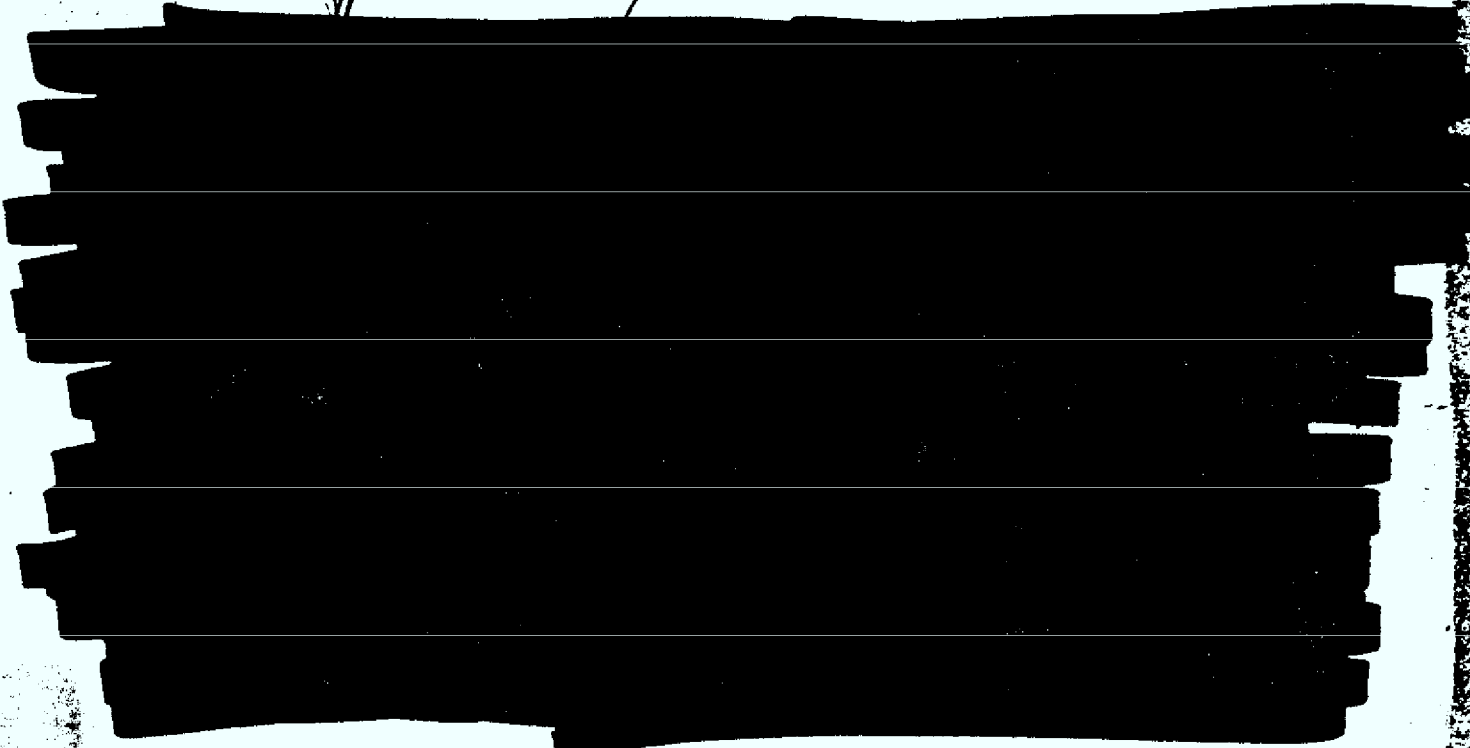
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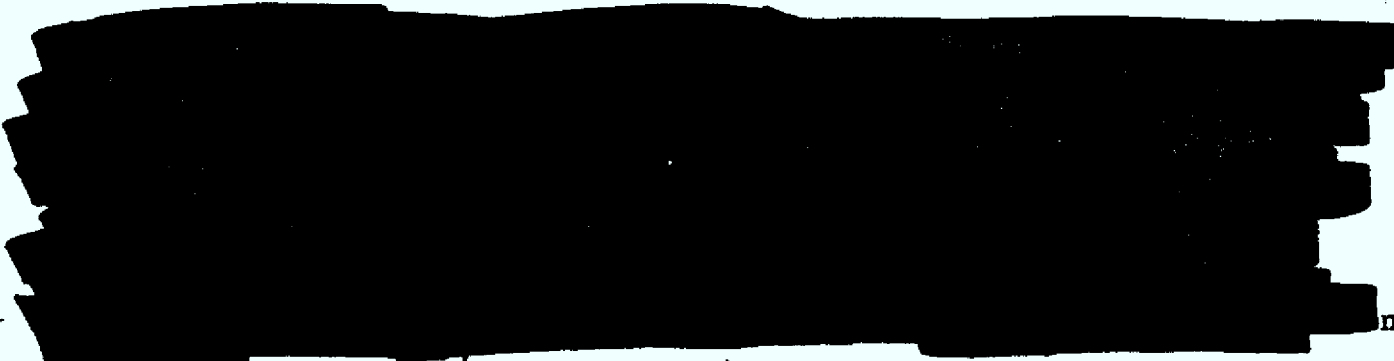
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The ALLAH TEMPLE of ISLAM was founded in 1929 or 1930, exact date not being known, by W. D. FARAD, of Detroit, Michigan. FARAD, whose exact identity has been established, was arrested by the Detroit Police Department in 1933, in connection with the cult activities of the TEMPLE of ISLAM in that city. FARAD had been serving a short sentence. He disappeared and has not been heard from since 1934. He assumed the title of ALLAH and prior to his departure designated ELIJAH MOHAMMED at Chicago, Illinois, as the "PROPHET". Temples of the organization were founded in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Detroit, Michigan; Cleveland, Ohio; Washington, D.C., and Chicago, Illinois. There may be various members represented in cities other than the above-named. u



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All members were told not to register for the draft as they "were already registered in Mecca". They were also told that they could not fight in the "white man's war", but that they should remain to help the Japanese and all dark races in their fight for supremacy. The organization has had many beliefs which are fanatical, including a belief that Japan has had for many years a monster airplane, known to the Moslems as a "mother airplane". The "mother airplane" is said to carry 1,000 small airplanes, each of which carries bombs, which will be used against the white man. Each bomb is said to be such size to penetrate the earth's surface for a distance of one mile, and to destroy an area of fifty square miles when it explodes. The Moslems have also told their people that the Japanese have superior equipment of every kind and description. Members of the TEMPLE of ISLAM attend meetings on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. Friday is designated as Holy Day for the Moslems. The members of the organization are not permitted to eat meat of any kind, but are permitted to eat fish. Members also must undergo frequent periods of fasting, and have been told that one meal per day is sufficient. The women members of the organization wear long gowns, almost touching the ground. Each woman has several gowns, which are of solid red, green, and white in color. In addition, the women members also wear turbans which match the gowns. The women are told to keep their heads fully covered at all times. The male members of subject organization wear ordinary civilian clothes, and do not wear costumes of any sort. Some of the male members wear buttons indicating their membership in the TEMPLE of ISLAM. All members of subject organization have a belief in ALLAH, also Mr. W. D. FARAD, and contend that this individual will return to help them liberate themselves from the yoke of the white man's rule.



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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

Detroit FILE NO. **25-8786**

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 10/9/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/19, 20, 8/12; 9/10, 10/6/43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE [REDACTED]			CHARACTER OF CASE SELECTIVE SERVICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Subject advised he had registered with WALLACE B. FARD in 1932 in Detroit, Michigan, as a member of the Nation of Islam. Also advised FARD had instructed after registering with him that he should not register with any other Government.

[REDACTED]

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Subject stated that he had registered with the Nation of Islam in 1932 with Mr. WALLACE D. FARD, known to him as ALLAH. Subject stated that FARD had told him and other members of the Nation of Islam that he had come to Detroit directly from the holy city of Mecca, located somewhere in Asia. Subject further related that upon registering with FARD the latter had advised him that the name of [REDACTED] which was the name given Subject at the time of his birth was actually his slave name, given his family at the time they were placed in a state of slavery. At the time Subject registered with FARD the latter told him as well as all other individuals who registered with him that inasmuch as they had registered with FARD and the Nation of Islam that they should not register with any other Government inasmuch as they were citizens of the Nation of Islam and could serve only one nation and that if they registered with any other nation they could not be good Moslems inasmuch as they would be attempting to serve two governments at the same time. Subject stated that he, therefore, had refused to register for Selective Service inasmuch as he would be acting in violation of the instructions he had received from FARD to the effect that he should not register with another government. u

At the time Subject was questioned he stated that FARD had not specifically told him or any of the other members of the local temple of the Nation of Islam not to register for Selective Service but he had told the Subject and the other members not to register for anything with any other government. Subject also stated that in his opinion he owed allegiance only to the Nation of Islam and was not a citizen of the United States. Subject further related that in his opinion the colored people are still slaves actually although they are not regarded so by the white people of this country. He stated that the basis for this opinion was the fact that colored people are not able to eat, sleep or do anything else in the same places with white people and that unless such practices are abolished, colored people are still slaves in fact. u

Subject, at the time he was interviewed, stated that he did not regard himself as a negro but as an Asiatic and that if he had sufficient money he would like to go back to Asia. Subject further related that the Islam religion stands for freedom, justice and equality and for the furtherance of people in the world and that he, therefore, has no interest in the present war or its outcome and cares to have nothing to do with the war effort whatsoever. u

At the time Subject was interviewed it was explained to him that the government had provided for individuals who are opposed to participation in actual warfare but allowing them to make a claim for deferment as a conscientious objector but that Subject stated that he would u

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

DETROIT FILE NO. 100-5549

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 10/23/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/15, 20, 21/43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] WVB
TITLE ALLAN TEMPLE OF ISLAM, also known as Moslems and Mooslems; ELIJAH MOHAMMED, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J SEDITION; SELECTIVE SERVICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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REFERENCE:

[REDACTED]

DETAILS:

[REDACTED]

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>John S. Bargas</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">100-651-137</div>
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that at the time he entered the Temple of Islam in 1932 W. D. FARD was in charge of the Temple. He stated that FARD is known as the prophet and also as Allah. He advised that FARD predicted the present war, stating that Germany and the dark races of the world would be fighting against all the white races some time at a future date. As to the outcome of the war, he predicted that the white races would be beaten down and that a dark race would step in and take complete control. According to [REDACTED] FARD also stated that the members of the Temple of Islam would be better off if the darker races won the war. [REDACTED] stated that FARD predicted that in the war to come all persons in the United States would be called upon to register in order that they might fight for the United States. FARD told the people that inasmuch as they were not citizens of the United States but citizens of Islam, there would be nothing that would require them to register. [REDACTED] that FARD told him that whether they should register or not would be a question which each individual would have to decide in his own mind. He also advised that FARD told the people to line up with the darker races when the war comes. U

As to the present activities of the Temple of Islam, [REDACTED] advised that the local chapter has about thirty-five active members as compared with approximately eight hundred at one time. Of the present thirty-five, approximately fourteen are men and the remainder are women and children. He stated that for quite some time now WALI MOHAMMED has been the teacher in the Temple. He denied emphatically that MOHAMMED ever allowed the war to be discussed in the Temple. He also denied that WALI MOHAMMED had ever told any person that he should not register for Selective Service. [REDACTED] stated that no one had ever told him that he should not register and that he used his own judgment in deciding to register. He stated that all of the meetings are strictly religious meetings. The forms of government of other countries and any questions dealing with the war have no place in the Temple. [REDACTED] stated that he had not heard the Japanese people mentioned in the Temple since approximately 1933 when W. D. FARD left the Temple. U

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEWARK**

FILE NO. **25-4910 EBC**

REPORT MADE AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	DATE WHEN MADE 3-17-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-17, 18, 19, 20-43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE [REDACTED]			CHARACTER OF CASE SELECTIVE SERVICE 47c

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Says he was instructed by W. D. FARD not to take part in any war.

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DETAILS:

[REDACTED]

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [REDACTED]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE [REDACTED]	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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"I did not register on or about April 27, 1942, when the law of the U. S. said I should have, because of my religion, Islam. I have been advised by Allah, the Almighty Supreme Being, Mr. W. D. Fard, Mohammed, not to take any part in any wars - not even a holy war. To me, the act of registering is part of war, and this is why I will not register and then apply for consideration as a conscientious objector."

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Subject stated that he pronounced W. B. FARMER's name [phonetic] as "FARARD", saying that this was the Arabic pronunciation.

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PARD founded the Temple of Islam in Detroit, where Temple #1 is located. Temple #2 is in Chicago. PARD told his followers that he came to this country July 4, 1936. He was supposed to have been 57 years old at that time. Subject last saw him in 1934 in Chicago when PARD left "to return to Mecca." Thereafter subject said ELIJAH POOLE ran the Temple in his place. u

[REDACTED]

The original inhabitants of the earth were black according to the subject. The Caucasian race got started "through grafting" performed by a black scientist named YACOB on the Island of Patmos. YACOB was an Arabian according to PARD, who taught these things at the Temple in Chicago. u

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject said that PARD told the Temple members in Chicago that the time would come when they would be arrested, put in jail and all their literature taken away. u

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Post Office Box 812

Chicago Illinois

February 9, 1943

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Re: ALLAH TEMPLE OF ISLAM, wa, etal
SEDITION, INTERNAL SECURITY J
SELECTIVE SERVICE

Dear Sir:

It is requested that a wanted notice be placed in the files of the Identification Division against the record of the following individual:

Name: WALLACE DUFFARD
Aliases: W. D. DUFFARD, ALIAH
FBI number: 560628 (or) Local Registry number
F. P. C.

The above individual is wanted for questioning.

In the event of apprehension of this individual notify the Chicago Field office.

The above individual may be described as follows (not number is furnished):

- 1-Age:
- 2-Date of birth:
- 3-Place of birth:
- 4-Height:
- 5-Weight:
- 6-Build:

- 13-Occupation:
- 14-Marital status:
- 15-Residence:

Scars, marks, and peculiarities

Criminal Record Yes ☒ No ☐

Very truly yours,

S. J. [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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January 21, 1943

RE: CHAS. E. HARRIS, with alias, et al.
CAPTIONED CASE OF F.L.M.
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On January 14, 1943, at New York City, New York, the following information was received from the New York City Division of the F.B.I.:

W. D. Ford, Agent in Charge, advised that two negroes were seen at the entrance of the dark room and that they were registering with the name of "John" and "Jane" and that they were from the South and that they were looking for work. Ford advised that they were seen at the entrance of the dark room and that they were looking for work. Ford advised that they were seen at the entrance of the dark room and that they were looking for work.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
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- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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DATE 11-18-83 BY SP-8 JRS/RS

Chicago, Illinois.
December 18, 1942.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: THE MOORISH TEMPLE OF SCIENCE OF AMERICA;
ALLAH TEMPLE OF ISLAM;
INTERNAL SECURITY - S

Dear Sir:

In respect to Bureau letter dated October 16, 1942, requesting that a determination be made as to whether or not there was any connection between the two subject organizations, The Moorish Temple of Science of America is a religious group founded by NOBLE DENW ALLI in 1929. ALLI died in 1934 and the leadership of the organization was taken over by CHARLES KIRKMAN BEY who resides at [REDACTED] Headquarters of the organization are located at 1032 Orleans Street, Chicago. The organization was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, July 20, 1928. The organization has approximately one thousand five hundred members and fifty six chapters located in various parts of the United States. Investigation shows the members to be registered for Selective Service and all members disclaim any affiliation with the Allah Temple of Islam. Investigation of the Moorish Temple of Science of America fails to disclose any un-American activity. (u)

There is, however, a Schism within the organization, a group headed by JESSE SHELBY EL, Chicago, Illinois, apparently as a clandestine group of the Moors, according to CHARLES KIRKMAN BEY. CHARLES KIRKMAN BEY filed an injunction against SHELBY in the Cook County Court on April 3, 1934, to stop all activities of SHELBY'S group. Court action is pending on the injunction. (u)

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The investigation failed to reflect that [REDACTED] in any way an organizer of the Moorish Temple of Science of America. (u)

Investigation shows that the Allah Temple of Islam was founded by W. D. PARAD in Detroit, Michigan, in the early 1930's, whereabouts is unknown. The organization is presently headed by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD who is presently under a three year sentence for violation of the Selective Service Act at Chicago, Illinois, and who is presently to be tried under violation of the Sedition Act. Within recent months the local leaders of the Allah Temple of Islam have also been arrested for evading the Selective Service Act, and the Sedition Statute. Also, approximately sixty five members were arrested in Chicago and a large volume of records and literature was confiscated. (u)

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FILE NO. 100-9129

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE MADE 9/30/42	PERIOD 9/11-25/42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE CHANGED ALLAH TEMPLE OF ISLAM, also known as Moslems and Muslims.			INTERNAL SECURITY SEDITION SELECTIVE SERVICE
[REDACTED] ELIJAH [REDACTED], with aliases: Elijah Poole, Gulam [REDACTED], Mohammed Rassoul			

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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MOHAMMED has done most of the talking at meetings held between September 11 and September 18, 1942, stating that the Japanese are their brothers and that the flag of Islam and Japan are similar. On September 19, 1942, authorized complaints were filed before U. S. Commissioner EDWIN K. WALKER at Chicago, Illinois, charging Subject [REDACTED] and MOHAMMED with violation of Section 33, Title 50 (Sedition) and Subject [REDACTED] and MOHAMMED with violation of Section 34, Title 50 (Conspiracy). Prior departmental authority was obtained by U. S. Attorney, Chicago. On same date a search warrant was obtained to search the third floor of 104 East 51st Street, Chicago, Illinois, the meeting place of Subject organization. Subjects MOHAMMED and [REDACTED] were taken into custody by Bureau agents on September 20, 1942, arraigned on September 21, 1942, before U. S. C.

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The following investigation was conducted by Reporting Agent.

MOHAMMED furnished the following information, which was put in the form of a statement. However, he refused to execute this statement, stating that his word was his bond, although he admitted the truth of the facts contained in this statement.

"Chicago, Illinois
September 20, 1942

62 "I, Elijah Mohammed, make the following statement freely and voluntarily to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. No threats or promises have been made to me of any kind and I realize that what I say here may be used against me. u

"I was born in Sanderville, Georgia in the year 1897. I have never known the exact day or month of my birth because my mother was not able to remember it. My grandparents worked as slaves for a white family by the name of Poole near Sanderville, Georgia, and in my early life I was known as Elijah Poole. I attended school at Cordele, Georgia but went only through the fourth grade. After leaving school I worked on my father's farm until 1919. In 1919 I was married to Clara Evans at Cordele, Georgia. From 1919 to 1923 I worked on a section gang for the Georgia and Southern Railroad at Macon, Georgia. u

In 1923 my wife and our two children went to Detroit, Michigan and from that year on, to 1929, I worked for various companies in that city, including the Detroit Copper Company, the American Nut Company, Briggs Body and the Chevrolet Axle Company. In the latter part of 1929, due to the depression, I was out of work but remained in Detroit. Around the year 1930 while in Detroit I heard of a religion called Islam which was being taught by a man named M. Wallace Fard, Mohammed, who is Allah. Allah conducted meetings at various halls in Detroit from 1930 to May of 1933 and usually had about 700 or 800 persons at these meetings. These meetings were held at various halls in the city of Detroit, the last of them being located at 3408 Hastings Street. The capacity of this hall was about 400 people so there were two meetings held to accomodate the overflow. I attended one of these meetings some time in the year 1931 and Allah was present and taught his religion. u

which was called Islam. Shortly after this Allah came to my house almost daily and taught me about Islam and then continued coming to my home less frequently for a period of 15 months thereafter until May 26, 1933 when the Detroit Police Department forced him to leave the city. u

"I remained in Detroit and continued teaching Islam at various meetings from 1933 to September of 1934 when because of pressure from the Detroit Police Department I left the city and came to Chicago. The last time I saw Allah was in Chicago in 1934 and I do not know where he is at present. u

"When Allah first came to my home in Detroit in 1931 he said that he was Mahadih (phonetic) and that he was Allah who everyone expected to come two thousand years after Christ who was crucified at Jerusalem. At this time Allah gave me the name Mohammed, which I have used ever since. u

"From 1929 to the present I have had no regular job of any kind. Occasionally I would do odd jobs for one day or so during this period. However, for the most part for the last 11 years, my family and myself have been taken care of financially by the Moslems. From 1931 to 1935 I taught Islam in Detroit and Chicago. From 1935 to the present I have traveled extensively and have lived for various periods in the following cities: Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Boston, Providence, New York, Newark, Hartford, Bridgeport, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati and Atlanta. During this time my family remained in Chicago and they and myself were supported by voluntary contributions from the Moslems. The monies which I received all came from the members of the Moslem Temple in Chicago. During the time I have traveled about I engaged in no activities other than the study of religion and I was also endeavoring to avoid unknown individuals who I understood were trying to take my life. I also visited Moslem Temples in Philadelphia, Newark, Hartford, Columbus, Baltimore and Washington, D. C. It is my understanding that there are more than 35,000 Moslems over the United States and about 400 or 500 in the city of Chicago. u

"In order to clarify Islam and its teachings, I desire to set out the following information: u

and one was dismissed after arraignment. It is likely that two more will be dismissed before presentment to the Grand Jury. All have been questioned and an attempt made to obtain signed statements. However, most of them refused to execute a statement, stating that their word is their bond. Sixty-three have pleaded guilty and admitted not registering for Selective Service. KARRIEM was questioned concerning his connection with Subject organization and his activities and gave the following information. However, he refused to sign the following statement: 4

"Chicago, Illinois
September 20, 1942

65c [redacted] make the following statement to [redacted] who I know is a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No force, violence, duress, threats of any kind or promises have been made to me to secure this statement.

"I was born at [redacted] I am unable to give the exact date because I have never been told when my birth occurred. I was born under the name of [redacted] My both parents HENRY and ELIZA are now dead. I received my early training at the place of my birth and came to Chicago sometime in 1926. Sometime in 1934 I met W. D. FERRARD who taught me some of the principles of Islam.

"I have learned from him that my parents were Muslims and I was happy to know this. I felt that this was the only religion that follows my creed. I know that W. D. FERRARD is Mohammed who is Allah and that Allah is the supreme being who holds the power of life in his right hand because all things are right.

"I have introduced W. F. ~~BUCK~~ BUCK as Mohammed and Mohammed is Allah. Allah has taught me that all religion is peace; that there must be no guns, clubs, knives or instruments of war. Allah taught me and others not to register. I will not register for the draft or for anything else because I have already registered with Allah and having once registered with Allah I cannot register again.

"Because of our teachings Allah has told us that we should not register for the Selective Service because that would be making ourselves available for war when our true religion is peace.

"Allah has taught me that I am free -- free from Christianity. Allah has taught me that I am not an American Negro but that I am the original man. He has taught me that I am not a citizen of the United States but a citizen of Heaven. My home is not in Arkansas but is in Heaven and I wish to return there as soon as I possibly can.

"Allah has taught me that the Christian God cannot be seen. Allah is the living God on earth.

"I have on several occasions in the Islam temple introduced MUCK MUCK as the Savior or the supreme being because he is the creator of all things and God is W. D. WERREARD.

"On the blackboard I have seen a picture of an American flag with a colored man hanging underneath it; although it has never been explained to me the meaning I do know that the hanging means death. I have also seen the flag of Islam which consists of the sun, the moon and the stars but its true meanings has not been explained to me. I have also seen on the blackboard a picture of a wheel or an object resembling a wheel with bombs dropping on the earth beneath and airplanes flying. I believe that this is to depict what the other man is going to do so that we will know what the other man intends when he comes against us.

"If anyone were to ask me about the Selective Service I would tell him what Allah has told me and tell that person that I would not register for the Selective Service. I cannot say what that person would do after receiving this information.

"With respect to the registration for the Selective Service, I could not register because having previously been registered with Allah I would be disobeying him by registering and to be a true Moslem I obey Allah and do whatever he asks me to.

"Wooden rifles in the temple are used to drill with and the purpose of the drill is to know what the other man's acts are going to be. I have not registered for the Selective Service and I do not have a Selective Service registration card.

"I have read the above statement consisting of two pages and know the same to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

all persons interviewed were questioned concerning the whereabouts of
T. D. FARD, whom the Moslems consider to be Allah, but all stated that FARD
was last seen in Chicago in 1934 and has not been seen or heard from since.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This case originated at CHICAGO, ILL.

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File No. 100-9129

Report made at Chicago, Illinois	Date when made 9/11/42 35	Period for which made 8/13-25/42	Report made by [REDACTED] AJR:WJ
Title <u>CHANGED:</u> ALLAH TEMPLE OF ISLAM also known as Moslems and Moslems. [REDACTED]			INTERNAL SECURITY (J) SEDITION SELECTIVE SERVICE

Synopsis of facts:

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The speaker who had talked about the parable then made a long talk about the son of man who had come from the east. This son of man could not be the devil son of man but rather the Moslem son of man. He indicated that W. D. FARAD was the son of man he was referring to. FARAD apparently was personally in the Holy Land of Mecca (but he came to North America in 1930 or 1934, the informant was not sure which date was mentioned). He came by himself because he was all powerful and had the power of the universe in his right hand. He came to deliver the tribe of Islam and not the Caucasians. Many profits had previously come to rescue the white man but the white devil would not obey. The white devil must be killed and the Moslems will kill them. The white devil is a snake and is not good. The white devil has been grafted from the black man and does not have the strength the black man has. The devil can't do right and wasn't going to do right. The son of man will destroy the devil and give the black man peace and happiness. All those who do not fall in line with the Moslems will be destroyed and there will be no room for them. The meeting broke up shortly before 4 o'clock.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] furnished the following report concerning the meeting of subject organization held August 23, 1942. The meeting started with the customary call to attention and opening prayer said by the preacher and repeated by those in the audience. Announcement was made that the minister was late today, but that the members would carry on in his absence until he came. Following that various persons spoke either from the floor or from the stage and invariably praised Allah and his goodness. One of the speakers, a man, stated, give us freedom, justice, and equality, or give us death. If you can't give us that let us alone as we are determined to carry on regardless of cost. Be careful of how you speak and how you act. Be 105% careful, as what will hurt me physically or mentally, will hurt my sister and brother. u

Another speaker stated that the term "muck-muck" means "high praise" and apparently is one of the usual surnames used by the Moslems. One of the male speakers gave a talk lasting for about 35 minutes concerning the coming of the Son of Man. He stated that the Son of Man would rise in the East and come to the West and will teach wisdom to the Moslems. He called the Bible the poison book. u

W. D. ~~PERARD~~, also known as "Muck-Muck" apparently is the Son of Man who is now in the East in the Holy City of Mecca, which is heaven. The only heaven there is, is Mecca. This Son of Man came to the wilderness of North America by himself, because he was all powerful. He held the power of the universe in his right hand. The Son of Man came for the deliverance of the lost tribe of Islam, and not to serve the Caucasian as the white man is the devil. This devil has had streams of prophets who have been unable to reform him, and that is why he must be killed, and we Moslems must kill him. The devil is a snake and there are no good devils. The white man was grafted from the black man, which took 600 years. The white man is weak and cannot do right. The righteous nature is not within him. He is the devil. The devil has been given power to build, but the duty of the Son of Man is to destroy him and give you peace and happiness. In a few days Allah himself will shine in the wilderness of North America. We have been lost in a land of evil-doing by a race designed to wipe out the original black men and women. Have patience as the Son of Man will be here soon. A Moslem is one who has found peace with Allah, and his fellow man. The Moslems are in the war but not of the war. The new war is to come and it will burst forth all of a sudden. Let us enjoy peace and happiness now and have patience. u

UNDEVELOPED LEADS (CONTINUED)

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concerning the leaders and activities of subject organization. u

Will ascertain the identity and connection if any with subject organization of the following: [REDACTED]

Will exhibit their photographs to witnesses who have seen the Japanese at the temple of subject organization. u

Will report the further results of the mail cover. u

* Will exhibit photograph of W. D. FARAD to [REDACTED] to determine whether or not FARAD and BEAMAN are identical. [REDACTED] the premises at 6026 Vernon Street, which is said to be the address of W. D. FARAD. u

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* Will attempt to ascertain the identity of these Japanese. u

* Will identify the persons residing at 6026 Vernon Avenue, Chicago, as believed these premises are occupied by members of the organization and are possible Selective Service violators. u

* Will consider the advisability of obtaining a search warrant to obtain the membership records of the organization, which are reported to be in the possession of [REDACTED] u

* Will determine the identity, activity and background of [REDACTED]

* Will await the decision of the department relative to prosecution. u

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO**

FILE NO. **100-9129**

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 8/15/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 8/1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12/42	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] 67c
TITLE ALLAH TEMPLE OF ISLAM, also known as Moslems and Moslems; [REDACTED] 67c			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - J SELECTION SELECTIVE SERVICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject organization comprised of about 200 colored people who meet at the Temple of Islam, 104 E. 51st St., Chicago, Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7 P.M. and Sunday afternoons at 2 P.M. Local leader is **LEN KARRIEM**; Secretary, **PAULINE BAHAR**. **W. B. PERAD** reported to be in Mecca as a superior being of the organization. An unknown Japanese introduced as **MICK MUCK**, has attended at least one meeting, at which time he spoke for about two hours. He, **KARRIEM** and other negroes have instructed the members that the white man is a devil and the oppressor of the colored race. The colored people need not pay any attention to his laws, with particular reference to Selective Service. All non-white people belong to the same race and should stick together. The war will soon be won by the Japanese and then the colored people will take their true place in this world. Allah is the God of the colored race. There is no heaven except on earth. Members are registered in Mecca and obtained their free names from that place. Members are not allowed to smoke, drink or carry a weapon. Women wear long robes, reaching to the ankles, and head coverings which completely cover the head.

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"I joined the Moslem Temple in 1933. The minister then was JORDEN, a widower. He was succeeded in about 1935 by LEN KARRIEM, who is the present minister. Meetings are held Wednesday and Fridays at 7 P.M. and on Sunday at 2 P.M. at the Temple of Islam 3rd floor of 104 East 51st Chicago. W. D. FARAD is the Supreme Being and head of the organization. He is in the Holy City of Mecca, and was last seen by me in Chicago in 1932 or 1933. Mrs. PAULINE RAHAR wife of KARRIEM is the Secretary of the Chicago organization. There are about 200 or 300 members at the present time."

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

"I am a veteran of the First World War, but did not register for Selective Service because of the teachings of W. D. FARAD as explained by LEN KARRIEM."

[REDACTED]

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THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

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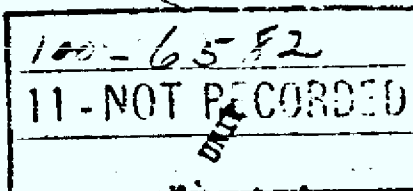
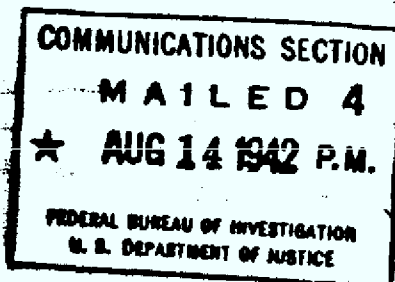
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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: GULAM BOGANS, with aliases, et al.
SEDITION - SELECTIVE SERVICE

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate date Fin- gerprints forwarded Federal Bureau of In- vestigation.	Fingerprint Classifica- tion.
WALLACE DON PARAD, with aliases, W. D. Parad, Wallace Don Parad, W. D. Parad, Allan.	FBI #56062	8/13	



Sincerely, truly yours,

JOHN S. BUGAS

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This case originated at WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Report made at DETROIT, MICHIGAN	Date made 8/6/42	Period 5/15, 16, 28; 6/10, 11, 12/ 42	Made by [REDACTED] 62 DR
Title • GULAN BOGANS, with aliases, et al.			Character SEDITION SELECTIVE SERVICE

SYNOPSIS:

Islem Group, Detroit, founded in 1931 by W. D. PARAD, known as WALLACE DON PARAD, W. D. PARAD, and ALLAH, who left Detroit in 1934, present address unknown. He has FBI No. 56062. Records indicate group has membership of approximately 700 in 1934, but meetings presently average from 30 to 35. Regulations provide for captains, secretaries, investigators, ministers, student ministers, teachers and treasurers, but not so organized at Detroit. Teachings are about freedom, justice and equality. No member is allowed to smoke, drink, attend movies or carry any sort of weapon. No member allowed to fight under any circumstances and so members refuse to register under the Selective Service Act. One member of Detroit group registered but is presently unclassified. Members claim registration for Selective Service not discussed at meetings. Printed teachings and problems studied by the group indicate the white man as the devil and that the law of Allah is supreme to any man-made law. No indication of Japanese influence in Detroit.

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The teachings of the University of Islam and the studies conducted at the regular worshipful meetings of the Islam group, which meetings are held Sunday afternoon and Saturday and Friday evenings at the Temple at 623 Medbury Street, Detroit, instruct that the black race, which is saved and which affiliates itself with the Moslem Religion, is known as "The Asiatic Blacks" or the "Lost Found Nation of Islam." The teachings indicate that these Asiatic Blacks are the chosen people and that they and their religion are superior to any other person or any other religion. According to the beliefs of the Islam Group, the black man had his first contact with the devil when he was brought to this country as a slave. The slave name which was given to him at that time is not his true name and his true name can only be found on the roll of ALLAH at Mecca. The only way the individual can find his true name is to become affiliated with the Islam Group and be a sincere believer therein and make written application for knowledge as to his true name to W. D. FARD, who is ALLAH. At the present time, inasmuch as the present whereabouts of ALLAH is unknown, the written applications are being received at the Temple and reserved for action by ALLAH upon his return to Detroit. 4

The entire membership of the Detroit group at the present time, with the exception of very minor children, became affiliated with the group between 1931 and 1934, at which time W. D. FARD was in Detroit organizing and actively leading the group. They are a semi-illiterate group, unable to understand the written instructions and teachings furnished them by W. D. FARD and consequently their teachings concern themselves largely with furnishing the children the essentials as to reading, writing and figuring. The teachings and the studies conducted in the meetings of the Islam Group largely concern themselves with the study of justice, equality and freedom. They believe that the black man will be liberated through the Islam Religion. They teach that the Islam Religion is the supreme religion, and that a true Moslem on record at Mecca through affiliation with the group is subject only to the law of ALLAH. In case a member of the Islam Group violates a law of the group, accusations are made against him by other members of the group and a general discussion held in which accusations can be levied against him and he can make answer. Any member of the group is free to speak during these hearings and to express his opinions as any member is also free to speak at any time during the teachings of the lessons of the group. If the member is found to have violated his law, he can receive one of two punishments. He can be placed in Class F for a certain stated period of time, such as 30, 60 or 90 days, which means that he is then separated from the group for that period of time, or he can be placed in Class C for a certain stated period of time, which means that he has to clean the Temple during that time. Once a member is placed in Class F he can only return to the group on written application and agreement by the members that he has received sufficient punishment. Written notes are made on the cases brought before the group and those notes are contained in a book, which was secured and which is being retained in the files of the Detroit Field

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all Sunday afternoon to attend meetings regularly and in addition to this many of them are giving up time to instruct at the University of Islam. Any member found to be violating any of the moral restrictions placed on members or violating any of the laws of the laws of the civil government which entail moral actions, are separated from the group and if the offense is bad enough the separation may be for as long as a year. After separation the member of course must re-establish his good faith with the organization or he will not be allowed to rejoin. u

Prosecution has been authorized in the Eastern District of Michigan against WALLI MOHAMMED on two counts: first, charging him with failure to register for Selective Service; second, concealing, aiding and abetting others of draft age to evade registering for service. The matter of the prosecution of WALLI MOHAMMED is being carried in Detroit file 25-3670, in the case entitled "WALLI MOHAMMED, WITH ALIASES, ET AL." Upon removal to this district, WALLI MOHAMMED will be interviewed in detail as to his leadership of the organization in Detroit and as to the possible concealing, aiding and abetting of other members of the group of draft age to evade Selective Service by refusing to register. Prosecutive action will be reported in Detroit File 25-3670. u

The facts will be developed as to the registration or non-registration of the other male members of the Islam group in Detroit who were not present at the meeting on May 15, 1942, and in the event it is ascertained that these men have failed to register as required by law, the facts will be presented to the appropriate United States Attorney for his opinion as to prosecution. In the event such cases are developed, separate files will be opened in this district. u

All of the individuals interviewed are of peaceful temperament and insist that they are only interested in living a good clean life so that they will be saved by ALLAH upon death. u

A check of the records of the Identification Division of the Detroit Police Department indicates that WALLACE FARAD, alias FORD, Detroit Police Department No. 45138, was arrested for conversion and that his FBI number is 56062. WALLACE FARAD, alias FORD, is identical with W. D. FARAD, alias ALLAH. u

Photographs of W. D. FARAD were obtained and one copy is being forwarded as an enclosure to each office receiving copies of this report. u

A photograph was made of the Islam Flag which was in the meeting room of the Temple at 623 Medbury Street, and a copy of that photograph is being forwarded as an enclosure with a copy of this report to each office. u

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Photograph of W. D. FARAD, with aliases. 4



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This Case Originated at **WASHINGTON, D. C.** File No. **14-12**

Report Made at WASHINGTON, D. C.	Date When Made JUN 19 1942	Period for Which Made 3/25, 27, 28, 30, 31; 4/1-30; 5/1-22/42	Report Made by [REDACTED] FJH:AC
Title Changed: ELIJAH MOHAMMED, With Aliases: Elijah Poole, Gulam Bogans, Mohammed Rassacull;			Character of Case DEFICTION SELECTIVE SERVICE

Synopsis of Facts: At additional meetings attended by Confidential Informant, subject JONES stated "the white devils desire the colored people to die with them in the Army and Navy; we don't want to be with him in the Army or out; it will not be long before the Japanese will be over here in a mother air ship, the blueprints of which were made in the Holy City of Mecca and sent to the Japanese government for development; the time has come when the white devils will be destroyed by dark mankind;" that "the eagles seen on United States money and the uniforms of service men is the mark of the beast, and if you have that mark the Japanese are going to shoot at it when they come here". Four members of Washington group convicted for violations of Selective Service Act. **ELIJAH MOHAMMED** apprehended May 8, 1942. Admits failing to register for Selective Service and refuses to do so. States organization founded 1931 at Detroit, Michigan, by W. D. FARD, whom he considers to be Allah, a living god. Further states he has been teaching his followers that Elijah has instructed him that Moslems should not participate in military matters of this nation, since they are registered with the nation of Islam. States organization active in Chicago, Detroit, and Milwaukee. Authorized complaint charging **ELIJAH MOHAMMED** with failure to register for Selective Service.

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According to BOGANS, he married a CLARA EVANS from Winona, Georgia, at Cordele, Georgia, in 1919, and that his family, consisting of his wife, mother and father, and the following children, reside at 6026 Vernon, Chicago, Illinois: *ELIJAH BOGANS, JR.*

4 | EMANUEL, aged 21; ETHEL, 20; LOTTIE, 17; NATHANIEL, 15;
HERBERT, 13; ELIJAH, JR., 11; WALLACE, 9; and AKBAR, 3. *BOGANS*

Continuing, subject stated concerning his background that he received an education through the fourth grade; that he left his home in Georgia when about fifteen or sixteen years old, doing odd jobs around the South. He was married when twenty-one or twenty-two years old, and shortly thereafter he went to Detroit, in 1923, where he first obtained employment at the American Nut Company, under the name of ELIJAH POOLE. His next employment, he stated, was with the American Copper and Brass Company where he, as well as his other brothers, worked from around 1923 to 1925. He was next employed at the Chevrolet Axle Company for a period of about six months, after which time he related he went through various stages of unemployment, and at the same time was receiving compensation. *10/1/35*

According to BOGANS, he first met ALLAH in 1931, and that this person went by the name of W. D. FARD. W. D. FARD was known to him as "The Living God", and from this person he received all his information concerning the Nation of Islam and the Moslem Sect. Continuing, BOGANS stated that W. D. FARD had been arrested in Detroit on three different occasions for teaching Islam, and that FARD was removed by the authorities from Detroit on May 26, 1933. Allah instructed BOGANS that the Moslems were composed of the darker races, and that by registering with the Nation of Islam the colored people would be given their correct names from Mecca, and their slave names would be taken from them. He further stated that he has been teaching his followers that Allah has instructed him that Moslems should not participate in the military matters of the United States since they are registered with the Nation of Islam. He further stated that he had advised his followers in Washington that he had been advised by Allah in a vision early in 1941 that a war would start in 1941, and that this war would point toward the United States.

BOGANS stated that sometime in 1932, Allah was teaching his followers in Detroit that Japan would eventually attack the United States, and it was about this time that he told him of a mother ship carrying fifteen hundred bombers capable of destroying most of the world. Allah told him that the blueprints of this mother ship have been made in the holy city of Mecca, and turned over to the Japanese to be developed for use against the United States. When questioned as to why people not of

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the colored race were prohibited from attending meetings of the organization, BOGANS advised that they were forbidden by Allah to let other than their own people attend meetings, since in so doing, they would prevent people other than their own from doing anything unrighteous at the meetings.

BOGANS further stated that the people of the East were not aware that the colored people were living here in the wilderness of North America until approximately sixty years ago, at which time the Japanese came here in regard to a trade treaty, and upon returning to the East they informed the Asiatics that they had brothers living here in the United States who were enslaved and did not even know their right names. BOGANS further stated that the American Flag was designed by a dark man from the South, and that the red of the Flag, which is supposed to stand for justice, gives justice only to the healthy and wealthy; but the white of the American Flag represents the color of the white man, which is impure; that the blue of the Flag stands for untruth; and that the stars represent the governors of the States, under whom the colored people have been persecuted.

According to BOGANS, sometime in 1932 or 1933, SATOHATA/TAKAHASHI approached him at the headquarters of the Detroit Temple which was then located at 3408 Hastings Street, and attempted to obtain information as to the philosophy of the Islam group, as well as information concerning the number of members and the purpose of the organization. He further stated that he again saw TAKAHASHI at the home of a woman, name unknown, who at that time resided in North Detroit, when he went to this woman's home to pick up brother ABDUL MOHAMMED, now deceased. TAKAHASHI at this time again questioned him as to the membership of the organization, as well as the purposes of the group, and BOGANS stated that he advised TAKAHASHI that he was teaching Islam, and that TAKAHASHI had expressed approval of his teachings. BOGANS denied ever having entered into any activities in conjunction with TAKAHASHI, and stated that the above-mentioned meeting was the last time he had seen this individual.

It was noted that when subject BOGANS was searched at the time of his apprehension, there was contained in his wallet a newspaper clipping dated June 28, at Detroit, Michigan, entitled, "Immigration Service Nabs Japanese Radical". This article stated,

"SATOHATA TAKAHASHI, a Japanese who once was accused of organizing negroes to overthrow the white race of the United States, was jailed yesterday by Immigration authorities. In the house where TAKAHASHI was seized, officers said they found a large quantity of subversive literature. TAKAHASHI was charged with reentering the country after he had once been deported."

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"I have read the above, consisting of approximately two pages, and I certify it is true, however, I refuse to sign it, since my word is my bond.

Witnessed:

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/s/ [redacted], Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation.
/s/ [redacted], Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation.
1437 K Street N. W.

Subject BOGANS also furnished the following additional statement concerning his association with the Islam creed:

Washington, D. C.

May 8, 1942.

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"I, GULAM BOGANS, make the following voluntary statement to [redacted], and [redacted], whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to induce my making this statement, and I realize it can be used against me in a court of law.

"I was brought into the Islam Creed in 1931 at Detroit, Michigan. At that time, Allah, also known to me as W. D. FARD, appeared and began to teach me Islam. Among other things, he told me that I was to have no part in fighting or military matters whatsoever. I have been teaching Islam since that time in Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee, and Washington, D. C.

"I have been teaching my followers that Allah has instructed me that no righteous Moslem will take part in fighting or military training, since they are registered with the Nation of Islam."

After having read the above, BOGANS admitted it was true, but refused to sign his name, stating that his word was his bond.

Witnessed:

62c
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1437 K Street N. W.
Washington, D. C.
/s/ [redacted]
1437 K Street N. W.
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By teletype dated May 11, 1942, the Detroit, Chicago, and Milwaukee Field Offices were advised of the apprehension of subject BOGANS, and information obtained from BOGANS was furnished to these offices. The Detroit Office was requested to check the records of the Detroit Police Department as to W. D. FARD, and to furnish any available criminal record and photographs as well as any information as to FARD'S present whereabouts.

By letter dated May 9, 1942, the Bureau advised that the criminal division of the Department had authorized prosecution of subjects BOGANS and [REDACTED] under Section II of the Selective Service Act.

On May 14, 1942, Special Agents [REDACTED] and the writer, interviewed [REDACTED] at the District Jail.

[REDACTED] agreed voluntarily to accompany Agents to the Washington Field Office. The facts as to prosecution of these individuals under the Selective Service Act for failing to register, were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney JOHN CONLIFF, who advised that in his opinion, the proper jurisdiction in regard to prosecutive action as to these individuals would lie in the territory covered by the Detroit and Milwaukee Field Offices.

The writer telephonically communicated with Special Agent in Charge O'CONNOR of the Milwaukee Office, and Special Agent in Charge BUGAS of the Detroit Office, on May 14, 1942, at which time they were advised of the presence of the two [REDACTED] in this city, and requested immediately to contact the United States Attorneys in their respective districts as to prosecution of these individuals.

By teletype dated May 15, 1942, the Milwaukee Field Division advised that an authorized complaint had been filed in Milwaukee charging [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois, will determine the identity, activities, and background of [REDACTED]

It is noted that subject BOGANS advised that Temple Number 2 is located at the above address, and that there are approximately 200 members in this temple. The membership records of the Chicago Branch are reported to be in possession of [REDACTED] and consideration should be given to the advisability of obtaining a search warrant, with a view to obtaining information thereby as to possible Selective Service violation. *

Will identify persons presently residing at 26 Vernon Avenue, Chicago. It is noted that subject BOGANS claims this as his residence address, and it is possible that other persons residing there may be members of the organization, and possible Selective Service violators. *

*Will ascertain whether MARIE BOGANS, subject's mother, resides at 5308 South Wabash, Chicago. Will, if so determined, conduct investigation relative to her background and furnish information obtained therefrom concerning BOGANS. *

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

At Detroit, Michigan, will report results of the investigation conducted at Temple Number 1, located at 623 Medbury Street, that city. *

Will also report results of investigation as to W. D. FARD, as requested in teletype dated May 11, 1942. ✓

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, New York, will furnish any information contained in the files of that office concerning groups or movements having a philosophy similar to that of organization presently active in Washington. *

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

This Case Originated At WASHINGTON, D. C.

File No. 100-6989

Report Made At CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	Date Made 6/13/42	Period 5/14-17, 26, 27, 29; 6/1-5, 9/42	Report Made By [REDACTED]
Title GULAN BOGANS, with aliases: G. Bogans, Mohammed Rassoull, Black Moses; with aliases: [REDACTED]			Character of Case SEDITION; SELECTIVE SERVICE

Synopsis of Facts:

Numerous colored organizations very active in this district as muslims and moslems. These organizations reported to be pro-Japanese and leaders instruct their members not to register for Selective Service, due to the fact that this is a white man's war and that they were registered with their God Allah. Members very fanatic and loyal to organization but know little regarding their leaders. People in colored neighborhood know little about organizations and their activities, but are of the opinion that they will be a source of trouble in the near future. Leaders of the various organizations in this city not definitely known. Members of organizations are made keenly aware of racial hatred existing between the white and colored races. Several colored informants have been developed by this office and effort is being made to obtain a more complete picture of local activities and leaders of colored organizations, to definitely ascertain if they are making seditious statements and instructing their members not to register for Selective Service.

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Approved and Forwarded: *[Signature]* SAC,

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated April 2, 1942 at Washington, D. C. u

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The reference report sets forth that the moslem organization consisting of colored people was very active in this city and had their headquarters at 104 East 51st Street. This report also set forth that PAULINE BAHAR was reputed to be the Secretary of this organization inasmuch as her name is signed to communications emanating from the above address. u

A teletype was received from the Washington Field Division on May 11, 1942 setting forth that the subject of this case had been apprehended on May 8, 1942. This teletype also set forth that the Chicago temple of the moslems organization was located at 104 East 51st Street, and the records of the group were in the possession of PAULINE BAHAR at the above address. It was also ascertained by the Washington Field Division that the organization was founded in 1931 at Detroit, Michigan, by W. D. FARD, who is described as follows: u

Age	65
Height	5' 6"
Weight	135 lbs.
Race	Negro
Hair	Black
Eyes	Black

FARD was reported to have been arrested on three occasions in Detroit for teaching Islam. It was also learned that there are approximately 200 members in Chicago of this organization. u

A teletype received from the Milwaukee Field Division on May 19, 1942 set forth that a complaint was filed against [REDACTED] charging failure to register for Selective Service. A search warrant was obtained and the Islam Temple in Milwaukee was searched. The records taken from that temple set forth that the temple in this city was probably located at 104 East 51st Street, which is the address of W. F. MOHAMMED who is called "The Prophet". The records at the temple also reflected that W. D. FARD was reported to be the "Allah" of Islam and in all probability could be located at 6026 Vernon Street, Chicago, Illinois. The following addresses are of the Chicago brothers and sisters writing to the Milwaukee organization: u

CLARA MOHAMMED, 5308 South Wabash Avenue,
KATIE MAJIED and TAMAR HAZZIEZ, 3668 Michigan Avenue
MRS. PAULINE BAHAR and VIOLA KARRIEM, 3735 Wentworth Avenue u

IDELL X., 423 East 45th Place. u

On May 16, 1942 a teletype was received from the Detroit Field Division setting forth that a raid had been conducted on the temple of the Muslims and that they had taken six men and five women into custody for questioning. The agents learned from the questioning of the members of that group that WALLACE DON FARD, known as Allah, organized this group in 1931 but had left Detroit in 1934, and the members did not know his present address. It was also set forth in the teletype that the teachings and discussions of this group are of freedom, justice and equality. No member is allowed to smoke, drink, or carry any sort of weapon. They also advised that there was no Japanese influence apparent in Detroit. These members also stated that registration under the Selective Service Act was contrary to the law of Allah but also denied that discussions of the group ever concerned registration and that no member is counseled or advised to register, but that each one decides for himself. The men who were interviewed had failed to register for Selective Service. It was also set forth that a picture of the muslim flag and of W. D. FARD had been obtained from the Detroit temple. u

A letter was received from the San Antonio Field Division dated May 25, 1942 which set forth that MOHAMMED MOSQUILL had recently organized a school known as the Temple of Allah in Washington, D. C., which professes to embrace the Mohammedan religion for the benefit of the negro race and is stirring up the negro populace by means of pro-Axis propaganda. Classes are being held four nights each week and members are urged to send their children to this school and to ignore the public schools. Gymnastic and military drills without arms also take place in the classes of this organization. u

On April 6, 1942

who resides at

telephone

and who is employed by the

called at this office and related that he is the

and that in pursuit of such duties, he called at 423 East 45th Place and conversed there with a negro occupant whose name he believes to be [redacted] attempted to persuade [redacted] and [redacted] wife to fill out the Civilian Defense cards and both [redacted] declined. [redacted] stated: "This is a white man's government and

neither myself nor any member of my temple will take any part in it." [redacted] stated further that he would not sign anything that had to do with the United States Government; that the United States is going to be defeated, and that the Japanese will take over this country and that as a result the negroes will be free. u

[redacted] allegedly told [redacted] that he is a member of a Moslem group of some sort; that there are 25,000 members in the club, and that the club functions in Chicago, Milwaukee, and Detroit. [redacted] allegedly told [redacted] no true member of the Moslem sect would register for the draft and that the present war would eventually turn into a racial war, resulting in the complete emancipation of the negro. u

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He gave the following information regarding the cult organization: u

62. [REDACTED] advised that one, KIRKLAND BEY, was the leader of the cult organization on the north side in this city, and that this organization had originally been formed by BEY and NOBLE DREW ALI who according to [REDACTED] is now dead. [REDACTED] stated that the leader of the temple at 104 East 51st Street was W. D. FARD, but he had not seen him and could not give any information as to his present whereabouts. From all indications, [REDACTED] himself was a member of the Moslem organization and in all probability a leader of the same but no additional information could be obtained from him. It should be noted that [REDACTED] was tried and convicted and sentenced to five years imprisonment for refusal to register for Selective Service. u

63. Officer [REDACTED] of the Third District of the Chicago Police Department who is very familiar with the colored neighborhood in this city, advised that he had heard a great deal regarding the various colored organizations in that neighborhood but was unable to give any specific information regarding any particular one. He stated he would attempt to obtain detailed information regarding them in the very near future. Officer [REDACTED] stated, however, that he remembers back in 1939 when a few of the officers of that district had taken a signed statement from one of the members of a colored organization in which statement it was set forth that a Japanese individual used to come around and made speeches at the various colored meetings. The Officer could not remember the person from whom the statement had been obtained and also was of the opinion that the statement had recently been destroyed inasmuch as it could not be located at the Police headquarters. The Officer introduced the reporting agent to several reliable colored individuals who were in a position to obtain information regarding the colored organizations. u

64. [REDACTED] and who is very familiar with the activities in the colored neighborhood, could give no information regarding the various colored organizations supposedly active here at the present time. u

65. [REDACTED] who is also very familiar with the colored section of this city and is very active in trying to better the negro race, was also unable to give any information regarding the activities of the various colored organizations. [REDACTED] stated that inasmuch as he is very familiar with that section, the subject organizations have not come to his attention, they must necessarily be very well organized and very secretive in their affairs. u

It was reported by several other field offices that W. D. FARD is the leader of the Moslem organization, and supposedly residing at 6026 South Vernon Avenue. [REDACTED] who is the mail 61

carrier for that Vernon Avenue district, advised that most of the mail received by individuals at that address was addressed merely to "Mohammed". [REDACTED] advised that he did not know any of the people who lived in that house or exactly how many lived there, despite the fact that he has been delivering letters there for approximately one and one-half years. u

[REDACTED] kept a close watch on the mail for that address for a period of several weeks and ascertained that the telephone bill going to this house was addressed to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also advised that he delivered a drivers license to a man by the name of [REDACTED] at 6026 South Vernon Avenue. [REDACTED] stated that he made inquiry at this address at that time as to whether [REDACTED] lived there and the lady answering the door advised that [REDACTED] did not live there, but that he usually picked up his mail there, and that the letter could be left with her. u

It has not been set forth in this report as yet that the rent for 6026 South Vernon Street is paid by an individual named BEAMAN. The Postman stated that in the past, he has had several letters addressed to E. BEAMAN but they have always been returned to the Post Office marked, "Not There". [REDACTED] stated he has made inquiries at 6026 South Vernon Avenue and they advised him that no one by the name of BEAMAN lived there. u

[REDACTED] advised that he had rented the home at 6026 South Vernon Street to a man by the name of EPHRON BEAMON (or BEAMAN). [REDACTED] advised that BEAMAN has been living there for about a year and a-half and that his present lease expires on April 30, 1943. [REDACTED] further advised that he know BEAMAN fairly well inasmuch as the latter regularly brings him \$60 each month for the rent. To the best of [REDACTED] knowledge, BEAMAN is a junk dealer, is married, and has four or five children. [REDACTED] classified him as a very good tenant, inasmuch as he pays his rent regularly and very seldom has any complaints to make. [REDACTED] further advised that he know BEAMAN belongs to some sort of cult and is also a very religious individual, but other than that, he knew nothing regarding his personal affairs. [REDACTED] stated, however, that he had heard that he held some sort of religious meetings at 6026 Vernon Avenue and also the fact that a number of people lived at this address but he had no information to verify this. u

[REDACTED] described BEAMAN as follows: u

Age	58-60 years
Race	Negro
Height	5' 10"
Weight	165 lbs.
Complexion	Dark

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[redacted] South Parkway Avenue, [redacted] [redacted], advised that the people living at 6026 South Vernon Avenue, refused to fill out the Civilian Defense forms. According to [redacted], these people whose names he did not know, advised him that they did not have anything to do with the United States Government and refused to allow him to come into the house. u

[redacted] South Vernon Street, advised that she has lived at this address for a little more than one year, and that she knew the people who reside at 6026 South Vernon as Mohammed. [redacted] stated that she has never seen any men around the house, and also stated that the women dress in long dresses and turbans. She also stated that the only women she had ever seen go into the house were dressed in this manner, and that they were all colored. u

[redacted] stated further that there were five children in the house ranging from 4 to 14 years of age, and to the best of her knowledge, did not attend the public schools but seemed to attend their own school every afternoon. [redacted] arrived at this conclusion due to the fact that on several occasions, she has heard the mother calling from the window at the children in the afternoon saying that it was time to get ready for school, and the fact that these children were out playing in the streets while all of the other children in the neighborhood were in school. u

[redacted] further advised that one of the children, a boy aged 13, is known as "W. D.". It should be noted that W. D. are the initials of FARD, who is reported to be Allah. u

[redacted] South Vernon Street, also knew very little concerning the people living at 6026 South Vernon, but stated that it was some sort of a religious organization and the people living there never associated with the people in the neighborhood. u

It was reported that there was an organization known as the Pacific Movement of the Eastern World which is holding meetings at 2941 Prairie Avenue. [redacted] Prairie Avenue, advised that she had originally been a member of this organization but had been cheated out of some money and therefore dropped out of it. [redacted] advised she had been a member approximately three years ago and at that time it was a purely religious organization. [redacted] knew very little regarding the organization at the present time but that they were meeting at 2941 Prairie Avenue. u

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Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau advised that this organization is presently known as the Moslems and that they hold meetings every night with Reverend JAMES CALDWELL as the minister of the organization. The Informant advised that this is a branch

He stated that he was presently a member of the Moslem organization which was located at 104 East 51st Street, Chicago. He advised that W. D. FARD was the Arabian leader of this organization, but on further interview advised he had never seen or knew anything concerning the whereabouts of W. D. FARD. He stated that the local leader of the organization was one SUTAN MUHAMMED also known as ELIJAH MUHAMMED. He described this individual as follows: u

Age	35
Height	5' 6"
Weight	200 lbs.
Build	Fat
Race	Colored
Complexion	Brown
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Characteristics	Very good speaker, dresses in brown suit with pink pin stripes.

Subject stated that SUTAN MUHAMMED had instructed all members of the organization not to register and had further instructed them not to fill out the questionnaires when they were received. He stated that SUTAN advised the members that they were not citizens of the United States but rather were Mohammedans, and that the only wars fought by them were holy wars. Subject advised that meetings were held at 104 East 51st Street on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7 P. M., and on Sunday afternoons at 2 P. M. He advised that dues were fifty cents per month, but that he being in better financial circumstances than others paid \$1.00 per month. Subject stated he had joined this organization a little less than one year ago, but had formerly been a member of the Moslem organization headed by SUFI M. R. BENGALEE M. A., the headquarters of which organization were located at 4448 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago. He advised he was no longer active in this organization. u

The following signed statement was taken from the subject at the time of interview: u

Chicago, Ill.

Nov. 27, 1941

67x I, [REDACTED], do make the following statement to [REDACTED] knowing him to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, freely and voluntarily, without any threats or promises having been made to me.

On October 16, 1940, I registered for the Selective Service Act in Chicago, Illinois giving my address as 4436 Vincennes Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. I was thereafter assigned to local Board No. 4.

Before October 16, 1940, and around that time, I had made application for membership in the Moslem Organization whose local leader is SUTAN MUHAMMED, known as LUCK LUCK in Arabian. Prior to this, I have been associated, and

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THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Will forward to this office photographs of W. D. FARD and of the Moslem flag. These photographs should be forwarded to the Chicago Field Division immediately in order that an effort may be made to positively identify FARD. u

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT ELMHURST, ILLINOIS

Will contact [REDACTED] Elmhurst Police Department, in order to obtain additional information from [REDACTED], regarding the mass meeting of the negroes held in Chicago, April 12, 1942. Attempts should be made to obtain specific information regarding the Japanese who supposedly addressed this mass meeting. u

62 AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will, after photograph of W. D. FARD is forwarded from Detroit, exhibit this to [REDACTED] to determine whether or not FARD and BEAMAN are identical. u

Will contact [REDACTED] at the Cook County Jail in an effort to obtain more detailed information regarding the activities of the Moslem organization. Attention should be given to obtaining the identity of the leaders of these various organizations and the remarks which have been made at these meetings. u

Will make an effort to determine who the individual known as [REDACTED] is. This individual pays the rent for the Moslem organization at 104 East 51st Street and gave his home telephone number as [REDACTED]. The listing for this number is [REDACTED]. u

Will continue to report information obtained from Confidential Informants [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. There are being instructed to ascertain the identity of various leaders in the colored organizations and to pay u

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This case originated at: Washington

File No. - 14-4

Report made at MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	Date when made 6/1/42	Period for which made 5/14, 15, 18, 19, 26/42	Report made by [REDACTED] DIS:msl
Title (CHANGED) GUL V BORGANS, with aliases: G. Borgans, Mohamed Rasnoull, Black Moses; [REDACTED] FUGITIVE		Character SEDITION SELECTIVE SERVICE	
Synopsis of facts: <div style="float: left; width: 20%;"> <p><i>W.C. Thompson Chicago 6/1/42 Mentioned in the report 6/1/42 E.H.N.</i></p> <p><i>Chicago 6/1/42 Mentioned in the report 6/1/42 E.H.N.</i></p> </div> <div style="float: right; width: 80%;"> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Search warrant issued by U.S. Commissioner, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 5/14/42, covering Islam Temple and residence of [REDACTED]</p> <p>Bureau Agents served warrant same day and obtained all pertinent records, documents, and correspondence.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Approximately 21 members Milwaukee Temple #3, who meet twice weekly and who contributed about \$1500 during 1941 to PROPHET ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and [REDACTED]</p> <p>Unsigned statements obtained from nine male members of temple indicate only one of members has registered under terms of the Selective Service Act of 1940</p> </div>			
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1940; that they will have nothing to do with the "devils" (white men) and their "ys"; that they have no part or share in the "war"; that "SULTAN MOHAMED" teaches under the "word of Allah. Members taught to obey only Allah; that the dark races are superior; and that they were brought to North America by a slave master four hundred years ago. Confidential Informants advise organization started in Milwaukee about 1930; that W. D. FARD is "Allah"; that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is his prophet; and that SULTAN MOHAMED is the teacher. Newspaper clippings and cartoons in room occupied by SULTAN MOHAMED indicate an interest in Japan. Names and addresses of local members set forth and names and addresses of Chicago members, obtained from correspondence, set forth. u

Reference:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] at Washington, dated 4/2/42. u

Details:

AT MILWAUKEE:

The title of this case is being marked "changed" to include the name of [redacted] with [redacted]

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This report is predicated upon a teletype from the Washington Field Office to the Milwaukee Field Office, advising that there was an organization of negroes who were opposed to participation in military activities; [redacted] and that the Milwaukee Temple was located at 630 West McKinley Street; and, on May 13, 1942, Special Agent [redacted] of the Washington Field Division telephonically contacted Mr. E. T. O'Connor, Special Agent in Charge, Milwaukee, and advised that several arrests had been made in Washington of the Islam leaders and the [redacted]

[redacted] that the facts in the case should be presented to the United States Attorney at Milwaukee. u

The facts of instant case were presented to Assistant United States Attorney E. J. KOELZER, May 14, 1942, and prosecution was authorized. u

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This letter is being marked Exhibit #1 and retained in the files of the Milwaukee Office. u

Among the effects of the Islam Temple organization were three ledger books. The first was a ledger marked Exhibit #2 which is being retained in the files of the Milwaukee Field Division and which is the membership and attendance book of the organization, dated February 1, 1937. u

The first page contains the words, "I will arise and go to my Father MR. W. D. FARD". This book contains the names of thirty two persons, sixteen men and sixteen women, all of whom have as their surname, "X" or "Bey". It is to be noted that twenty of the thirty two persons listed in this attendance book are known to be presently active in the Islam Temple. u

A second ledger book contains a list of contributions made by the various members for the "Prophet's Food List" from September 28, 1940 to September 28, 1941. This ledger reflects that the membership, totaling never more than twenty two, contributed from \$6 to \$2.2 per week for food for the Prophet's family. This ledger is being marked Exhibit #3 and is being retained in the files of the Milwaukee Field Division. u

A third ledger contains a list of the members and their contributions from February 15, 1941 to February 15, 1942. The members are listed with their first names and the surname, "X" and the amount each contributed weekly during the year. Each month the ledger indicates a certain sum was paid to PROPHET ELIJAH MOHAMMED. A compilation of the amounts paid PROPHET ELIJAH MOHAMMED indicates that during the year a total of \$1466.80 was paid to PROPHET ELIJAH MOHAMMED out of a total of \$1649.50, which was the total amount contributed by the members. It is to be noted that the members do not contribute a fixed amount, such as dues, but contribute whatever they can. The members advised that this money was either turned over to Teacher SULTAN MOHAMMED or sent directly to ELIJAH MOHAMMED in Chicago. This ledger is being marked Exhibit #4, and is being retained in the files of the Milwaukee Field Division. u

Among the correspondence at the Islam Temple was a letter reading as follows:

"630 W. McKinley St.
Milwaukee, Wis.
August 16, 1940

"Mrs. Clara Mohammed
5308 S. Wabash Ave.
Chicago, Illinois "

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From the language used by the followers of Islam in the presence of Bureau Agents, it is believed that this lesson is one of the first things taught the Islam followers. u

A copy of a magazine entitled, "The Final Call to Islam" dated August 18, 1934, Detroit, Michigan, indicates that W. D. FARD was the original organizer of the cult. This copy is being marked Exhibit #8 and is being retained in the files of the Milwaukee Field Division. u

In the room occupied by SULTAN MOHAMMED were found numerous newspaper clippings. These consisted of cartoons and accounts of the Japanese war activities. It is believed that these cartoons and clippings are significant in that every one, without exception, relates to the Japanese; and, from material obtained, and from talk with various members, this organization believes that all dark races regardless of color must be aligned against the white man. While no definite sympathy for Japan was evidenced by members, nevertheless, these clippings and cartoons would seem to indicate at least an interest in Japan and her war activities. These clippings are being designated as Exhibit #9 and are being retained in the files of the Milwaukee Field Division. u

Confidential Informant [redacted] 62 620 whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that he has known of this Islam organization being in existence in Milwaukee since sometime about 1930; that the organization has never been too strong but that it always seems to be in existence. u

Confidential Informant did not know who SULTAN MOHAMMED was nor had he heard whether the members had registered under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940. u

Temporary Confidential Informant [redacted] 62 stated that he had heard of the organization during the past five or six years but that he did not know the organizations stood in the present war and whether the members were actively advocating that other negroes refuse to serve in the armed forces of this country. u

Temporary Confidential Informant [redacted] 62 who has been attending meetings of the organization the past month or six weeks, stated that the Islam Temple meets twice weekly, that SULTAN MOHAMMED is the teacher of the Milwaukee Temple #3, and the Chicago Temple #2; that he spends part of each week in both cities; that the money is collected and is turned over to the SULTAN, who usually takes it to Chicago; that the organization has no regular dues but each member pays what he considers his moral obligation to pay. u

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. Wendell Berge, Assistant Attorney General, dated April 21, 1942, in which it was stated that it was the view of the Criminal Division that both of the subjects of the case entitled "GILIAN BOGANS, with aliases G. Bogans, Mohammed Rassoull, Black Moses; [REDACTED] SEDITION; SELECTIVE SERVICE" have violated Section 11 of the Selective Service Act, in that they have counseled evasion. u

The above opinion was based on information contained in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated April 2, 1942, at Washington, D. C. Since that report was written, investigation has been continued and additional information obtained. According to a confidential informant who has been attending meetings at the Temple Allah, 1527 Ninth Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., [REDACTED] minister of the Temple, made the following statement at a meeting at the Temple on March 29, 1942:

"The devil desires us to die with him, that is why he wants us in his Army and Navy. We don't want to be with him in the Army or out. We know that the devil's ruling is over. It will not be long before the Japanese will be over here in that mother ship they have. We know that Allah will protect us. The blue prints for this mother ship were made in the Holy City 'Mecca' and sent to the Japanese government. They will not use this ship in the far east at all; they will use it in this hemisphere. We know that Allah is fighting for us in this war against the devils. He said 'I am a man of War.' I know the devils are going to fight us and even lock us up but Allah is with us. Allah said his followers will be tested, we will stand the test without fear." u

On April 1, 1942, [REDACTED] pointed to the flag of Islam on the blackboard and stated that Allah has said that under this flag you get freedom, equality, and life. Then, touching the United States flag, he stated, "Mr. E.A. Tammader this, Christianity, you get slavery, suffering and death." u

Mr. Clegg

Mr. Glavin

Mr. Ladd following statements:

Mr. Nichols

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Tracy

Mr. Carson

Mr. Coffey

Mr. Hendon

Mr. Kramer

Mr. McGuire

Mr. Quinn Tamm

Mr. Nease

Miss Gandy

On April 17, 1942, [REDACTED] opened the meeting at the Temple with the following statements:

"Brothers and sisters, I feel good tonight and I am happy and you should be happy because we are witnessing the fall of our enemy. Our enemy, the white man, is going to be pushed off the face of the earth. The one we serve, the only God, Allah, is fighting our enemy for us. God means power and force; our God is a living God and he is not a spook. Allah gave the Japs the task of destroying the American devil. The Japanese are not devils and the devils found that out on December 4

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the 7th. A dark man is now taking that which rightfully belongs to him. The devils don't own one inch of the earth. Every bit of the land the devils own was taken from the dark man. The dark man is just repossessing that which belongs to him. Bring your professors, your judges or the President and I will prove to any of them so that they cannot deny it that the white man don't own one foot of the 196,940,000 square miles of the planet earth." U

Later in the meeting, he made the following remarks:

"Join your own kind and your own religion and save yourself from the wrath of Allah on America. It is written in the book to receive not the mark of the beast or his name for they that receive the mark will be destroyed. What is the mark of the beast? It is the mark you see on the devil's money and on his uniforms. The sign or mark of the beast is the 'eagle.' And if you have that mark the Japanese are going to shoot at it." U

On May 9, 1942, Gulan Bogans, known as the apostle of Allah, was taken into custody by Bureau Agents, at which time he admitted that he had failed to register on February 16, 1942. He refused to register when requested to do so, stating that it would be against the will of Allah, and that he had already registered with the nation of Islam in Detroit in 1931. According to Bogans, in 1931 he met an individual known to him as W. D. Fard, whom he considers as Allah, our God. He advised the Agents that Allah told him that Islam is freedom, justice, and equality for the people of lost nations, in which are included the dark people in the United States, which he described as the wilderness of North America. He continued that no true member of Islam would register for United States Selective Service, and that he would under no circumstances submit to or permit the Agents to register him. U

Bogans advised that in addition to the Temple in Washington, D. C., there are Temples in Detroit, Milwaukee, and Chicago. The original Temple at Detroit, where Islam was founded, has, according to Bogans, between nine and ten thousand registrants. This is possibly exaggerated, but it is believed that there is an active membership of between fifty and one hundred. Through informants, it was ascertained that the leaders of the Detroit and Milwaukee Temples arrived in Washington, D. C., very shortly after Bogans' incarceration. These individuals were questioned by Agents, at which time they admitted they had failed to register on April 27, 1942, and when given an opportunity to do so refused to register. One of them, Sultan Mohammed, is the leader of the Milwaukee Temple of Islam, 630 West McKinley Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and he claims a membership of between one hundred and one hundred fifty in that city. The other person, Wali Mohammed, stated that he was the leader of the Detroit Temple. Their real names are Sullivan Ellis and William Poole, respectively. Gulan Bogans is a blood brother of Sullivan Ellis. U 62

The above information concerning the failure of [redacted] and Poole to register on April 27, 1942, is being presented to the United States Attorneys at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Detroit, Michigan, for whatever action they may desire to take in the premises. U

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-43165)
SUBJECT: W. D. FORD
SM - NOI
OO: CHICAGO

DATE: 8/27/57

Re Chicago letter to Detroit dated July 31, 1957.

On August 15, 1957, [redacted] Records Section, San Quentin State Prison, San Quentin, California, made available to SA [redacted] information pertaining to WALLIE D. FORD, San Quentin number 42314.

These records reflect that under the name of WALLIE D. FORD, indicated as the true name of the Subject, he was received at San Quentin Penitentiary June 12, 1926, from Los Angeles County, California, where he had been convicted for a violation of the State Poison Act. These records further indicated that FORD was born at Portland, Oregon, on February 25, 1891, his father being ZARED FORD, mother, BEATRICE FORD, both of whom were born in Hawaii. ZARED FORD's occupation was listed as operator of the Ford Bottling Works, Honolulu, Hawaii. The following description was noted relative to WALLIE D. FORD:

Race	White
Occupation	Cook
Height	5' 6 3/8"
Weight	133 pounds
Complexion	Dark
Eyes	Maroon
Hair	Black
Marital Status	Married
Children	One, age 5 - 1926.
Education	Public schools, Portland, Oregon.
Former Address	4401 Mount Eagle Place, Los Angeles, California.

When interviewed by California State Parole Authorities concerning his past, the records indicate that FORD furnished information as follows:

- ② - Bureau (REG)
1 - Chicago (100-33665) (REG)
1 - Detroit (Info) (REG)
1 - Los Angeles (Info) (REG)
2 - San Francisco (100-43165)
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He was born in Portland, Oregon, in 1891, and lived in that city until 1913, at which time he moved to the Los Angeles area where he resided until the time of his arrest. He married HAZEL MORTON in Los Angeles and she was 26 years of age at that time. One child resulted from this union. *OK 10/1 cml*

According to San Quentin records, District Attorney KYES of Los Angeles County, prosecutor in the Subject's case, made the following statement concerning the crime, "This defendant had in his possession drugs which his partner EDWARD DONALDSON offered to sell to police officers for \$225. They became suspicious when they detected one of the officer's handcuffs and refused to go through with the deal. Officers found the drugs at FORD's place of business."

San Quentin records reflect that while in that institution, letters were received attesting to FORD's good character from the following individuals:

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Mrs. HAZEL S. OSBORNE (former wife), who stated in substance that FORD did not drink, smoke, or gamble. He was morally a good man that because he was temperamental their marriage resulted in divorce.

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Mrs. MARY BROWN of Los Angeles, who stated that FORD had been "like one of our family for ten years."

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Mrs. PEARL MORTON of Los Angeles, who wrote on May 23, 1927, "I have known him for 11 years; my mother and I have always been very fond of him...always treated him as one of the family..."

While incarcerated at San Quentin, the Subject was employed in the jute mill and as a road worker.

San Quentin records indicate that FORD was released from San Quentin May 27, 1929.

Information copies of this communication are furnished Detroit and Los Angeles for assistance in their investigation of instant case.

It is noted that the records of San Quentin Prison are currently being consolidated with other state

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records at Vacaville, California, and consequently no photograph of the Subject is available at the present time. Efforts will be made in the immediate future to obtain a photograph of FORD from the State Record's Office at Vacaville, California, when these records are filed and made available.

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SAN FRANCISCO:

AT VACAVILLE, CALIFORNIA

Will obtain a photograph of WALLIE D. FORD, San Quentin number 42314.